GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:355
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2001
PURCHASING OF RAIL LINES
NAWAL KISHORE RAI;SUSHIL KUMAR INDORA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have so far followed the policy of purchasing rail lines from Steel Authority of India or in case of non-availability, it is importing from foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details of rail tracks purchased from Steel Authority of India orimported from foreign countries during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001;

(c) whether the policy now has been changed and decision has been taken to purchase the rail lines from private companies; and

(d) if so, the level at which the decision has been taken alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 355 BY DR. SUSHIL KU INDORA AND SHRI NAWAL KISHORE RAI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2001 REGARDING PURCHASE RAIL LINES.

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Details of rail purchases during 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-01 are:

Steel Authority of India

Years	Rails in MT	Ex-Factory Value (Rs. Approx.)
1998-1999	353285	Rs. 700 Crores
1999-2000	20410	Rs. 690 Crores
2000-2001	404618	Rs. 932 Crores

Imported Rails

Years	Rails ordered in MT		FOB Value (in MT)#	Supplied
	US$	RS.		
1998-1999	1,61,000	6,41,14,120	234 Crores	21100
1999-2000	NIL	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	124029
2000-2001	NIL	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	NIL

Balance of imported rails ordered are expected during 2001-02.

(c) No, Sir.

Steel Authority of India is supplying rails as per Railways requirement.

(d) Does not arise.